Law to regulate the price of blood in private blood banks

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no law to regulate the price of blood in private blood banks in the National Capital Territory Delhi;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that there was a proposal with Government to constitute Delhi State Bank Transfusion Council and if so, the reasons for not taking a decision for the constitution of this Council?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) Selling of blood is prohibited. For handling of blood including its mandatory testing for transfusion transmitted diseases before it is issued by blood banks, some expenditure is incurred. Guidelines have been issued for regulating the recovery of this expenditure, as service charge.

(c) Delhi State Blood Transfusion Council has already been constituted.